

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed May 12, 2008 has been carefully considered. Within the Office Action Claims 1-4 and 15-21 have been rejected; Claims 5-14 have been objected to; and the drawings have been objected to. The Applicants have amended Claims 1,2, 6-16, 18-21 and have cancelled Claims 3-5 and 17. The Applicants reserve the right to further pursue the cancelled claims in a continuation and/or divisional application as well as for appeal purposes. In addition, the Applicants have added new Claims 22-25. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Drawings

Within the office action, the drawings have been objected to for allegedly not disclosing the subject matter in Claim 17. Applicants respectfully traverse, but hereby cancel Claim 17 to expedite prosecution. Applicants request withdrawal of the objection.

Rejection under U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-4, 16, 18-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0052227 to Pittman. The Applicants respectfully traverse. However, to expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended Claim 1 to include the limitations of objected to Claim 5 as well as the claims upon which Claim 5 is dependent. Accordingly, Claim 1 is now in condition for allowance.

The dependent claims off of Claim 1 are also allowable for being dependent on allowable base claims.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Pittman in view of U.S. Patent No. 2,763,900 to McAfee et al. (hereinafter “McAfee”). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claim 15 is dependent on allowable base claim 1. Thus, Claim 15 is allowable.

New Claims

The Applicants have added new Claims 22-25 to the present application, which include subject matter of Claim 1 and objected-to dependent Claims 9, 10, 11, and 13. The Applicants submit that New claims are fully supported by the specification and no new matter has been added. Allowance of new Claims 22-25 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

It is believed that this reply places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this reply is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or

credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,
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